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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

-- BUENOS AIRES 7942; STATE 282802

1. AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION OF POINTS EXPRESSED IN REFTTEL, IT IS APHIS JUDGEMENT ADHERENCE TO REGULATIONS AND POLICIES GOVERNING MEAT EXPORTS TO THE U.S. MUST BE UNIFORMLY APPLIED IN ALL 45 COUNTRIES AUTHORIZED TO EXPORT MEAT TO U.S. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD BRING ABOUT EVEN MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THAN ACTION REQUESTED IN STATE 282802.

2. A SEARCH OF IMPORT RECORDS REVEALS VIRTUALLY NO ACTUAL EXPORTS TO U.S. FROM CORDOBA PLANTS OVER LENGTHY TIME PERIOD. PLANTS THAT WERE VISITED AND STILL REMAINING ON U.S. LIST INCLUDE THE PLANTS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT VOLUME EXPORTERS OF ARGENTINE MEAT.

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3. CERTAINLY WHEN ARGENTINA IS AGAIN VISITED BY AN APHIS/

FOREIGN PROGRAMS OFFICER, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO SECURITY CONDITIONS AT THAT TIME. IF SECURITY CONDITIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE FOR TRAVEL TO CORDOBA PROVINCE AND ARGENTINE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED WISHES TO RECERTIFY CORDOBA PLANTS, THE PLANTS WOULD BE VISITED TO DETERMINE

THEIR ELIGIBILITY.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING AMENDED MESSAGE FROM DR. FRED J. FULLERTON, ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, MPI, APHIS, TO MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF MEAT INSPECTION:

5. MESSAGE - APHIS/FOREIGN PROGRAMS OFFICERS RECENTLY VISITED 28 ARGENTINE MEAT PLANTS THAT ARE CERTIFIED TO EXPORT MEAT TO THE U.S. VARIANCES OBSERVED IN SOME PLANTS INDICATED SOME SLIPPAGE IN THE ARGENTINE MEAT INSPECTION

PROGRAM. ON-THE-SPOT ACTIONS TAKEN BY ARGENTINE MEAT INSPECTION OFFICIALS CORRECTED VARIANCES IN ALL PLANTS EXCEPT EST.8, CAP CUATREOS, AND EST. 2073, TOMAS ARIAS WHICH WERE REMOVED FROM U.S. EXPORT LIST.

6. APHIS FOREIGN PROGRAM OFFICERS WERE UNABLE TO VISIT FIVE PLANTS LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA DUE TO LOCAL TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS. FOUR OF THESE FIVE PLANTS HAVE NOT BEEN VISITED BY AN APHIS FOREIGN PROGRAMS OFFICER SINCE FEBRUARY, 1975. THE FIFTH PLANT HAS NEVER BEEN VISITED BY AN APHIS FOREIGN PROGRAM OFFICER. IN VIEW OF THE UNAVAILABILITY OF CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE PLANTS OBTAINED THROUGH DIRECT VISITS BY OUR FOREIGN PROGRAM OFFICERS, WE REQUEST THAT YOU REMOVE THE FOLLOWING FIVE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE U.S. EXPORT LIST EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION: EST. 1369, FELMAR, LOCATED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CORDOBA; EST. 2009, AIMAR, IN RIO CUARTO, CORDOBA; EST. 2012, MOTORES "F F" S.A.I.C. RIO TORRES 1539, CORDOBA CIUDAD; AND EST. 2065, FRIGORIFICO MEDITERRANEAN S.A.I.C.I., PAJAYBLANCAS - KM 22 CORDOBA.

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7. WE NOTE THAT A SEARCH OF IMPORT RECORDS REVEALS VIRTUALLY NO ACTUAL EXPORTS TO U.S. FROM CORDOBA PLANTS OVER LENGTHY TIME PERIOD. IF ARGENTINE OFFICIALS EXPRESS WISH TO RECERTIFY CORDOBA PLANTS, AND IF SECURITY CONDITIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR TRAVEL TO CORDOBA, THE PLANTS WOULD BE VISITED BY AN APHIS/FOREIGN PROGRAMS OFFICER EARLY IN 1976, WHEN SUCH AN OFFICER IS NEXT TO

BE IN ARGENTINA. END MESSAGE.

8. CABLE APHIS/ USDA WHEN MESSAGE DELIVERED. KISSINGER

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